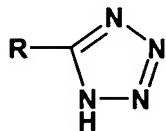


ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a method for preparing substituted tetrazoles of the formula



or a tautomer or salt thereof, wherein R represents an organic residue. [,]] Also provided are compounds obtained according to this method, new reactants and new tetrazole derivatives, useful as pharmaceuticals or agricultural compositions, foaming agents, automotive inflators, and the like.